

June 2006  
CENTRAL COMMAND

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

During the month of June the Central Command experienced an overall increase of 22.5% in total crashes when compared to May. However there was a 4.6% decrease in total crashes when compared to the same reporting period the previous year. Property damage crashes increased by 17.9%, injury crashes increased by 25.0% and fatal crashes increased by 100.0%. Of the 10 persons killed in the fatal crashes 6 were not wearing occupant restraints. Of the 23 crashes involving a commercial vehicle, 18 or 78% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver.

Overall enforcement activity decreased by 3.3% when compared to May but increased by 7.9% when compared to the same reporting period the previous year. The most significant decrease occurred in occupant restraint enforcement of 28.4% with slight decreases being shown in most other categories when compared to May. The hazardous moving violation category was the only exception showing an increase of 19.5%

Inspections of commercial vehicles and their drivers by Commercial Operation personnel also decreased when compared to May by 23.7%. This decrease led to a decline in the number of violations discovered and the number of drivers and vehicles placed out of service. However there was an increase in the number of citations issued for safety violations and is attributed to Central Command assigning personnel to all shifts during the 72 hour road check so that personnel from other commands did not have to return for court.

Traffic operation personnel conducted 361 level 2/3 inspections during June. These inspections led to the discovery of 482 safety violations resulting in 185 citations being issued and 37 drivers being placed out of service.

The decrease in enforcement activity led to slight decreases in the work load for the Communication Center.

Despite the aforementioned decreases, Central Command personnel continue to work hard and are commended for their efforts towards making the highways safer for the motoring public.



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**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	June-06		May-06	% Change		June-05	% Change
Total Crashes	125		102	22.5%		131	-4.6%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	79		67	17.9%		81	-2.5%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	40		32	25.0%		42	-4.8%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	6		3	100.0%		8	-25.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	3		5	-40.0%		6	-50.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	10		4	150.0%		10	0.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2		2	0.0%		5	-60.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	4		0	400.0%		3	33.3%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2		1	100.0%		1	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	2		1	100.0%		1	100.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	23		20	15.0%		22	4.5%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	15		15	0.0%		15	0.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	7		5	40.0%		6	16.7%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1		0	100.0%		1	0.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 4.8%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 2.4%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 60.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 18.4%

**NARRATIVE ANALYSIS**

*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- \*\* Crashes increased by over 22% in June with 23 additional crashes as compared to May. There were increases in all severity categories. These increases were due to the beginning of summer travel in which the Command historically experiences increases in crashes. The totals for June are down slightly from June of last year.
- \*\* The Command investigated 6 fatal crashes which is double from May, but a 25% decline from June 2005. There were 10 persons killed in the 6 fatal crashes with 60% being unrestrained.
- \*\* The Command investigated only 3 crashes in which the driver was impaired. The average BAC was .173.
- \*\* There were 23 crashes involving a commercial vehicle. This is 3 more than occurred in May. Of the 23 crashes, 18 or 78% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. The fatality involving the commercial vehicle was the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. Only 8 of the 23 crashes occurred on the interstate.

**FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY***[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	June-06		May-06	% Change		June-05	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	3		5	-40.0%		6	-50.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	35		23	52.2%		29	20.7%
Other Arrests	180		186	-3.2%		135	33.3%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	94		104	-9.6%		71	32.4%
Speed violations	2361		2439	-3.2%		2237	5.5%
Hazardous moving violations	313		262	19.5%		286	9.4%
Occupant restraint violations *	374		522	-28.4%		390	-4.1%
Total violations [above violations included]	4189		4333	-3.3%		3882	7.9%
<b>Commercial Enforcement</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	46		91	-49.5%		84	-45.2%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	19		37	-48.6%		19	0.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	553		725	-23.7%		686	-19.4%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	187		127	47.2%		151	23.8%
Total safety violations -- repair order	765		1040	-26.4%		1223	-37.4%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	39		45	-13.3%		66	-40.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	27		30	-10.0%		59	-54.2%
Total school buses inspected	96		111	-13.5%		86	11.6%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	24		18	33.3%		16	50.0%
Total trucks weighed	785		945	-16.9%		268	192.9%
Total overweight citations	19		22	-13.6%		6	216.7%
Total dyed fuel inspections	503		647	-22.3%		673	-25.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

**NARRATIVE ANALYSIS***[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- \*\* Overall activity dipped slightly in June as compared to May. However, the Command continued to be above the 4000 violation threshold. There was a small decline of 3.2% in the number of speed violations. Hazardous moving violations increased by almost 20%. Occupant restraint violations dropped significantly by 28%. This was due to the increased activity and overtime shifts worked for the Buckle-Up America week in May that were not available in June.
- \*\* Arrests of impaired drivers prior to a crash increased significantly in June, a 52% increase. Much of this is due to the number of arrests associated with the Elko Motorcycle Jamboree. Six additional overtime shifts were available during this event. The average BAC was .180.

- \* The number of inspections of commercial vehicles and their drivers conducted by commercial personnel declined by over 19%. This led to a decline in the number of violations discovered and the number of drivers and vehicles placed "out of service." There was an increase in the number of citations issued for safety violations, however, this is due to Central Command assigning personnel to all shifts during the national 72 hour road check so that personnel from other commands did not have to return for court.
- \*\* The number of school buses inspected declined, but this completed the semi-annual inspection. For the buses inspected 25% were placed "out of service."
- \*\* The number of vehicles weighed declined, but is higher than in 2005. The weigh-in-motion was not utilized during the 72 hour road check as the priority was inspections. Of the 785 vehicles weighed, 55 were weighed during 199 hours of directed enforcement.
- \*\* There were 503 dyed fuel checks conducted during June. Of the 503, 99 were conducted during 160 hours of directed enforcement.
- \*\* Traffic enforcement personnel conducted 361 Level 2 & 3 inspections resulting in 185 citations being issued and 37 drivers being placed "out of service."

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]						
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#
June-06	361	185	482	37	302	0
May-06	459	167	598	48	346	1
% Change	-21.4%	10.8%	-19.4%	-22.9%	-12.7%	-100.0%

  

June-05	279	139	492	28	237	0
% Change	29.4%	33.1%	-2.0%	32.1%	27.4%	0.0%



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	June-06	May-06	% Change	June-05	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	94,459	94,935	-0.5%	83,012	13.8%
CAD incidents	11,991	12,470	-3.8%	11,021	8.8%
Telephone Calls	7,800	N/A	#VALUE!	13,023	-40.1%
Call Box Incidents	14	26	-46.2%	58	-75.9%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	126	74	70.3%	134	-6.0%
Arrest Reports Processed	118	86	37.2%	80	47.5%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	20	18	11.1%	17	17.6%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	412	260	58.5%	228	80.7%
Warrants Entered	334	322	3.7%	468	-28.6%
Warrants Cleared	606	199	204.5%	123	392.7%
Warrants Validated	2719	2099	29.5%	2730	-0.4%
Extradition / Transports	11	4	175.0%	4	175.0%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	30	40	-25.0%	24	25.0%
New Items Submitted	72	79	-8.9%	101	-28.7%
Items Disposed	36	26	38.5%	715	-95.0%

**Contract Service overtime was 628.5 hours during 19 escorts totalling \$39,976.**

#### NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

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- \*\* The Communications Center had slight declines in the number of radio transmissions and CAD incidents created. Telephone call information was not available for May.
- \*\* The number of reports process by the Front Office increased by over 48%.
- \*\* The number of warrants process in the Court / Warrant section increased in all categories.
- \*\* The number of new cases submitted to the evidence vault declined. There was a corresponding decline in the numnber of new items submitted.

***PERSONNEL***

- \*\* Two persons were promoted to Lieutenant in Central Command and will be reporting shortly. The new Lieutenants are Steve Weeks and Scott Swain. Congratulations to both.

***PUBLIC INFORMATION***

- \*\* The DUI program "Every 15 Minutes" was presented at the Battle Mountain High School with over 300 students attending.
- \*\* A driver safety program was presented to the US Forest Service with 30 attending.
- \*\* A driver safety program was presented to Cortez Gold with 50 attending.

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